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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2871
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68205

Ikuo KAWAMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/031,871

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Examiner: Tarifur Rashid CHOWDHURY

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For: POLARIZING MEMBER HAVING A CHOLESTERIC LIQUID-CRYSTAL LAYER

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, please consider the following

remarks:

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REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-11 have been finally rejected. Specifically, claims 1-10 remain rejected for the same reasons as set forth in the previous, non-final office action dated April 9, 2003, and new claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 09-329779 (Kishimoto) in view of EP 0457607 (Itoh et al.). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections again and submits that the examiner's obviousness rejection is improper as being in contravention of solid legal precedent.